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August 11, 2004

TO: All Arkansas Jurisdictional Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

RE: Annual Certification for **Federal High-Cost Support**

**Failure to provide the requested documentation
will result in ineligibility for federal high-cost support.**

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an order¹ which requires state commissions to file an annual certification with the Universal Service Administrative Company and the FCC stating that federal high-cost support provided to carriers classified as eligible telecommunications carriers will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. A form affidavit is attached to certify that your company meets its obligations to qualify for federal Universal Service Fund High Cost Support.

We also request that you provide a brief narrative description of how your company makes Lifeline service available to qualifying consumers and how your Company publicizes the availability of Lifeline service in a manner designed to reach those likely to qualify for the service, in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.04.

State certification must be received by the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company not later than October 1, 2004. Therefore, please provide your documentation of eligibility to the Arkansas Public Service Commission not later than Monday, September 20, 2004.

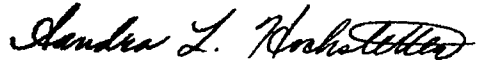
Any carrier that fails to provide proper certification will not be eligible for federal high cost support.


¹In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, 14th Report and Order, 22nd Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 01-157), codified at 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

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Sincerely,


Sandra L. Hochstetter, Chairman


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ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AFFIDAVIT FOR FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT FUNDS

DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS)
AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIERS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL)
UNIVERSAL FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE)
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS)
COMMISSION'S FOURTEENTH REPORT)
AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE)
CERTIFICATION PROECSS)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

1. My name is _____.

I am _____ of _____.
(Title) (Company name)

I am familiar with the Universal Service Support received by the Company and how the Company uses those funds.

2. I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of the Company.

3. The Company hereby certifies that the Federal Universal Service Support funds received by the Company are used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended.

4. Attached to this affidavit is a brief narrative description of how the company makes Lifeline service available to qualifying consumers and how the Company publicizes the availability of Lifeline service in a manner designed to reach those likely to qualify for the service, in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.04.

5. This affidavit is provided for state certification by the Arkansas Public Service Commission in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §54.313 or §54.314, as may be applicable.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____